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dled into a bright flame, and sent forth a scent somewhat like that of hoofs or horns, tho it had a very fragrant smell before. I am told moreover, that 'tis very usual in these parts of the Kingdom to find various sorts of ancient Earthen Ware, some exceeding *China* in fineness. I remember I once saw a Piece in the hands of an Apothecary in *Caln*, that had been finely gilt with Gold: The same Apothecary has also a very good stock of Ancient Coyns by him: which is all the account I am able to give you at present. If any thing further occurs to my knowledge, you shall be sure to hear from

Your humble Servant,
J. Clarke.

VII. *Excerpta ex literis D. Petri Hotton Med. & Botan. Profess in Acad. Lugduno Batava, ad Editorem de Acemella & ejus facultate lithontriptica.*

Attmella, Acemella, & Hacmella, istis enim nominibus missa mihi anno 1691 semina ex insula Ceylon, ubi nascitur & familiaris est. An & in Malabar aliisve Indiæ regionibus proveniat compertum non habeo.

Cum barbarica sint hujus plantæ nomina, de eorum originatione nihil habeo quod afferam.

Ipsa vero planta, quam colui ipse Anno 1692. Flores fert, in caulium summis, ex multis Flosculis tubulosis coagmentatos in caput coactos, & Perianthio Hexaphyllo aut Polyphyllo suffultos, perquam similes Chrysanthemo Curassavico alato caule, Flore aurantio; cujus Icon exstat apud Pluknet Phytog. in Par. Batavo Hermannii. Horto Monsp. Magnol & Volkameri Flora Noribergensi,

genſi, ſed luteolos, quibus excuſſis ſequuntur ſemina ex ſulco gryſea, longa, plana, ſumma ſui parte duplici ariſta prædita, iſſis floſculis ſubjecta, caules edit quadratos Foliis conjugatis Lamii aut Urticæ longioribus & acriuſculis veſtitos ex quibus Conjicitur ſpectare hanc plantam indubie ad Corymbosarum gentem & genuinam eſſe ſobolem ejus generis, quod Bidens a ſemine bidente vocat Caſſalpinus eumque ſecutus Tournefortius. Quare cum hæſenus nomine careat hæc planta hoc ex ipſius plantæ ingenio ei imponendum cenſeo.

Bidens Urticæ folio Lithontriptica Zeylanica. Inter omnia enim Medicamenta quæ in comminuendo calculo valere perhibentur, planta hæc nuperis annis facta eſt celeberrima, inter noſtros homines qui in memorata inſula vivunt & noviffime quoque apud nos multam naſta eſt celebritatem.

Miles quidam, qui primus Anno 1690. Societati noſtræ Indicæ indicium hujus herbæ dedit, profitebatur ſe pluſquam centum ægris ejus ope liberaſſe a calculo & Nephriticis doloribus: quam & cum ſucceſſu uſurpatam in duobus ægris calculoſis teſtantur in literis eodem anno ad Societatem Indicam Datis Gubernator & Supremus Batavorum Conceſſus in inſula Ceylon, aiunt enim in iis deturbatas expulſaſque fuiſſe multas, arenulas, minutoſque calculos abſque ullo fere dolore.

Primus Noſocomii urbis Colombo, quæ ſita eſt in memoratâ inſula Chirurgus, Vir, ut videtur induſtrius plane & diligens in literis Anno 1699. ad me datis, in rei veritate teſtari ſe poſſe aſſerit, efficacius medicamentum contra calculum & Nephriticos dolores repertum hæcenus non fuiſſe, qui & porro addit tres ejus ſpecies a ſe multa investigatione inventas quarum prima foliis amicitur dilute virentibus & ſemen producit itidem luteum: Secunda folia edit ſature virentia & ſemen producit itidem luteum: Tertia ſemen nigrum profert & longe majoribus foliis veſtitur quam reliquæ duæ, quas

virtute præstantissimas esse asserit, denique subjungit fertilissimam esse hanc plantam, quæque plusquam decem millia seminum gignit.

Hujus usurpantur folia, semen, quod præ cæteris partibus laudat præfectus ille noster nosocomii Zeylanensis, Radix, caules & rami.

Folia Lecta antequam flores prodeunt in umbra Siccata & in pulverem comminuta dantur in convenienti vehiculo aut aquæ calidæ infunduntur, bibiturque ea infusio instar infusionis herbæ The. infunduntur & Spiritus vini & paratur per destillationem Spiritus ex Radice, caulibus & ramis.

Flores, Radices extractum & Sal in Pleuritide Colica & febribus feliciter se usurpasse testatur alius quidam Nosocomii Zeylonensis præfectus.

Atque hæc sunt, quæ mihi innotuere ex litteris Colombo ad Societatem nostram Indicam & ad me datis de herbæ hujus facultatibus, utendique modo. Ex duobus Chirurgis primò memoratus, qui satis accuratus mihi videtur observator, laudat quoque in suis litteris a vilithontripectica cortices Radicum ipsasque Radices herbæ cujusdam *Mangul Caranda pottu* Zeylanensibus dictæ, at, quæ illa sit, me latet.

Etiamsi autem modus & ratio qua agant hæc aliæ vere lithontripectica habita medicamenta non facilis sit explicatu, durum tamen videtur nullam plane fidem habere viris fide dignis. Ego vero hæc experientiæ debite institutæ sæpiusque repetendæ Committo.

VIII. *Part of a Letter from Mr Stephen Gray to the Publisher, containing his observations on the Fossils of Reculver Cliffe, and a new way of drawing the Meridian Line, with a Note on this letter by the Publisher.*

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